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Dear Marvelites,
I just read part five of the new Siege of Darkness storyline, and I must say I was impressed! As a matter of fact, I was sitting down in front of the TV, and getting quite bored, when a rhyme about the series popped into my head. Care to hear it? It my be corny, but who cares?! Anyway, here goes...

Lilin here, Lilin there,
Lilin, Lilin everywhere
Who will stop them? No one knows.
Blaze perhaps? Or the good old Ghost?
Morbius, Strange, or the Darkhold Redeemers?
Who will stop these hell-spawned creatures?

The mist is spreading, branching out.
The Spirits of Vengeance fall into doubt.
One of their own is now dead,
Another into darkness led.
The spirits split, a sad mistake.
As half of them, the Lilin take.

Now the rest sit in Strange's house,
When Lilin sneak in like a mouse.
Strange's barriers quickly bust.
In come Lilin, thick as dust.
Our heroes jump, the fight begins!
And no one knows how it will end.

The medallion of power, it is the key.
With it, the Lilin will be free.
So here comes Lilith, Zaranthos too,
To take it from our faithful crew
As the fray continues, we'll be gone,
Until Marvel carries the story on!

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Thank you, Eric, for your poem, easy to read, not a tome.
If you care to write again, we promise we will be your friend.

Dear Richard and Michael,
I don't think that comparing euthanasia to the acts of madmen like Hitler is a valid argument. Hitler's attempts to wipe out Jews, Gypsies, and homosexuals were the acts of a despicable racist who indeed saw these groups as "sub-human".
Usually, euthanasia is done to people who are slowly dying of diseases that leave them incapacitated and in pain. They know they are dying and wish to get their suffering over with quickly.
As for comparison to suicide, I'm not sure that's accurate. Terminally ill people have no hope of reprieve, of getting better.
Many people would find the idea of committing euthanasia to be morally wrong. However, can we pass judgment on those who wish to die without knowing what they experience every day? I hold life to be sacred, and I know I would not be able to help someone commit euthanasia, because of the guilt I would probably feel. However, if someone is dying and wants a quick, painless death, they should be able to have that.
This is just how I personally feel and as I said before, everyone has a right to their own views and opinions. Thank you for letting me share mine.

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"TRIUMPH OF THE HUNTER"

The jungle holds some very startling mysteries; it is the hunter's domain. The Black Panther is on the hunt, with a mystery to be solved!

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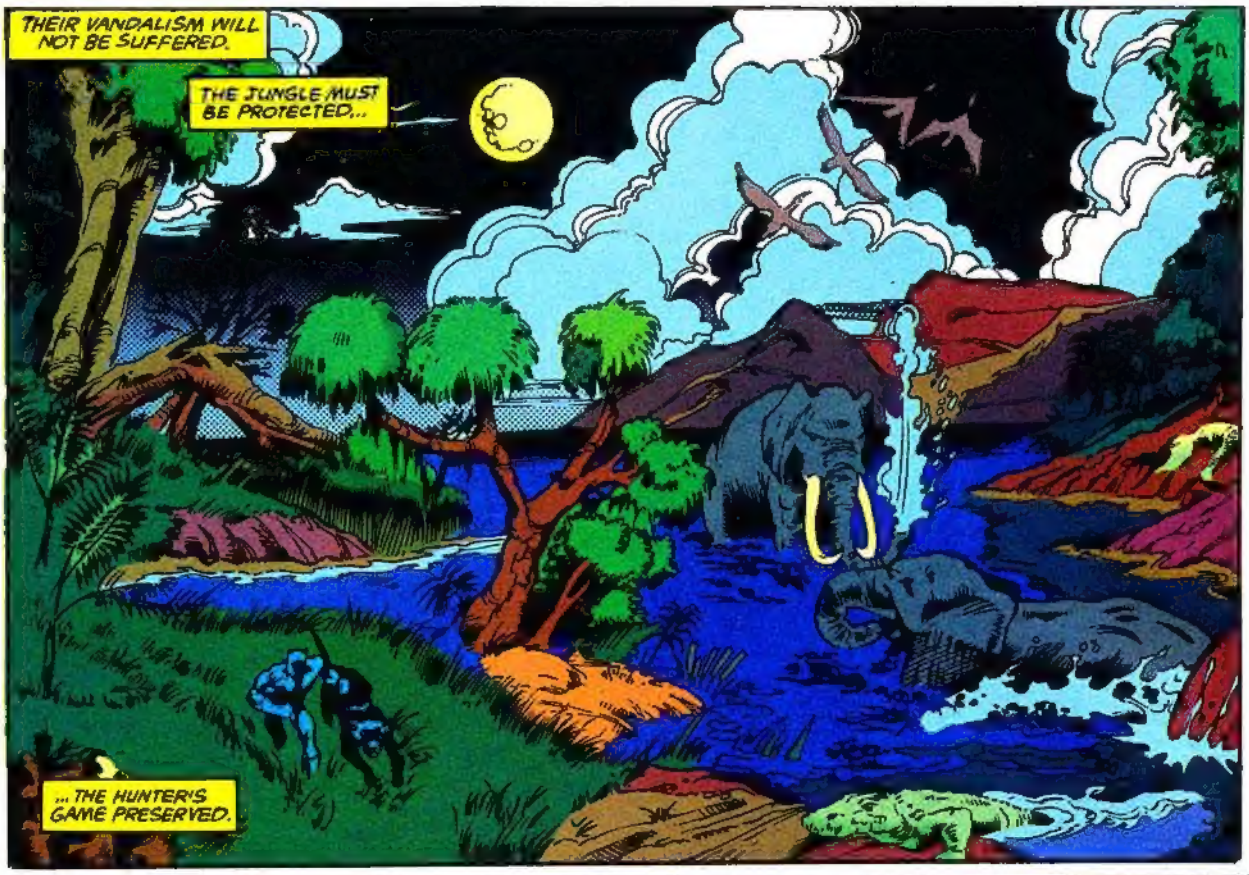
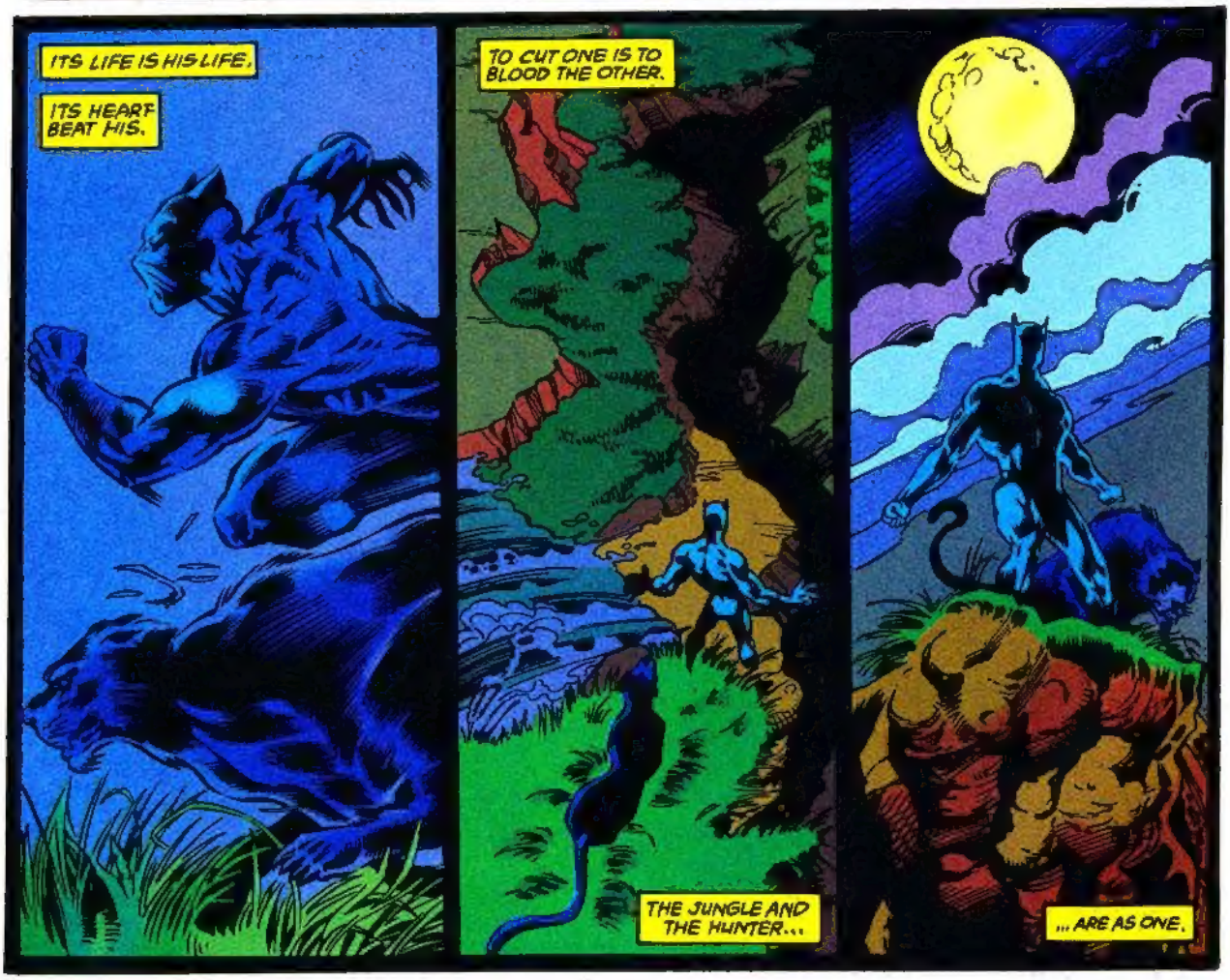
AMERICAN EAGLE 9
"500 GUNS"

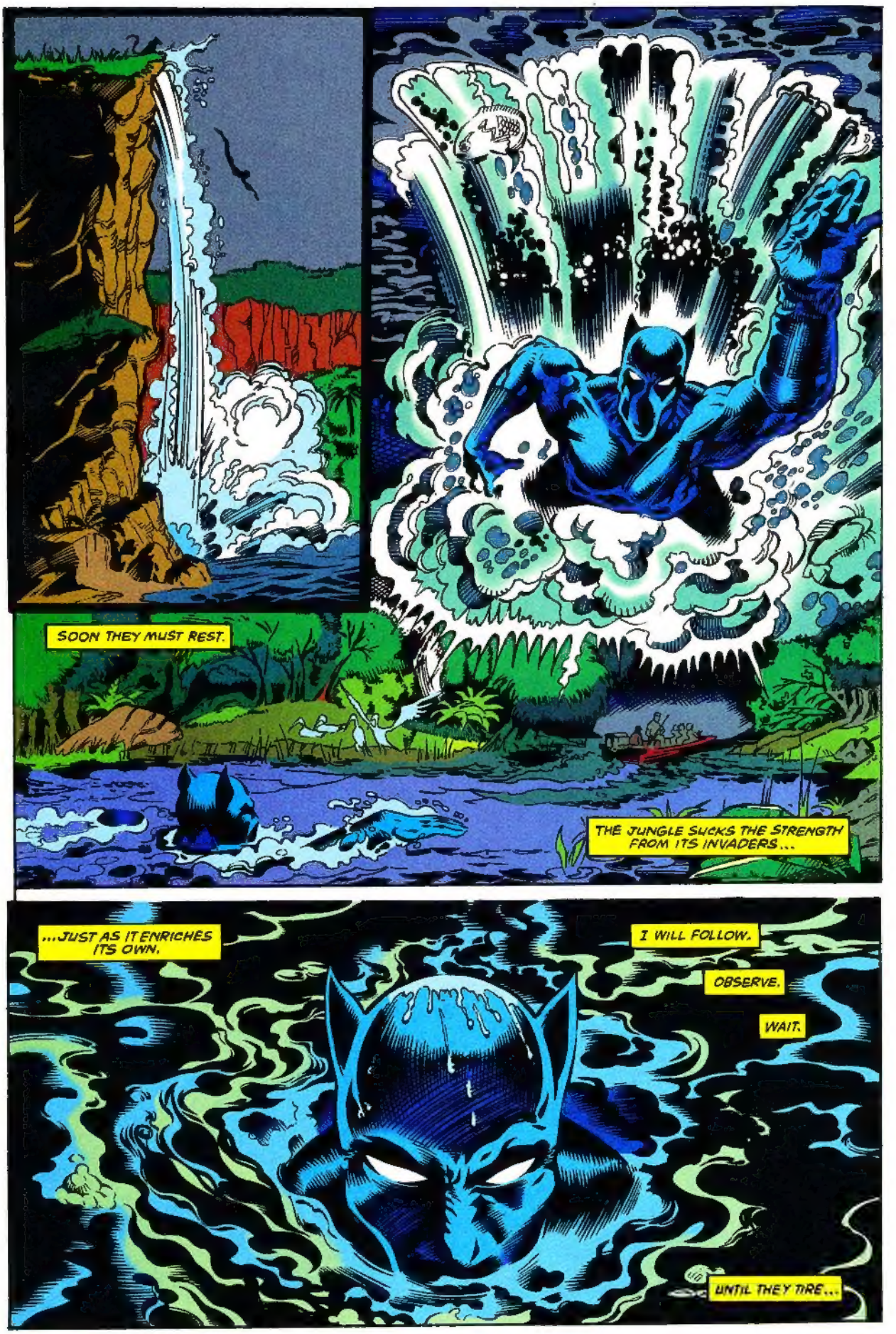
American Eagle finds himself outnumbered but not outgunned!

Writer — JOHN FIGUROA
Artist — RON WILSON
Letterer — UL HIGGINS
Colorist – JOE ANDREANI

TRIUMPH OF THE HUNTER
THE HUNTER ALWAYS TRIUMPHS.
HE KNOWS... HE FEELS... HE OVERCOMES.
HIS POWERS MAY BE COPIED... HIS STRENGTH MATCHED.
BUT THE MAGIC, THE ESSENCE, THE SPIRIT OF THE HUNTER MUST COME FROM WITHIN.
MERE POWER DOES NOT A HUNTER MAKE.
AND THE MIMIC SELDOM WINS.
THIS AREA IS RESTRICTED.
POACHERS?
SLOPPY. VERY SLOPPY.
AS IF THEY EXPECTED TO BE FOUND.


THEIR VANDALISM WILL NOT BE SUFFERED.
THE JUNGLE MUST BE PROTECTED...
... THE HUNTER'S GAME PRESERVED.


ITS LIFE IS HIS LIFE.
ITS HEART BEAT HIS.
TO CUT ONE IS TO BLOOD THE OTHER.
THE JUNGLE AND THE HUNTER...
... ARE AS ONE.


SOON THEY MUST REST.
THE JUNGLE SUCKS THE STRENGTH FROM ITS INVADERS...
...JUST AS IT ENRICHES ITS OWN.
I WILL FOLLOW.
OBSERVE.
WAIT.
UNTIL THEY TIRE...

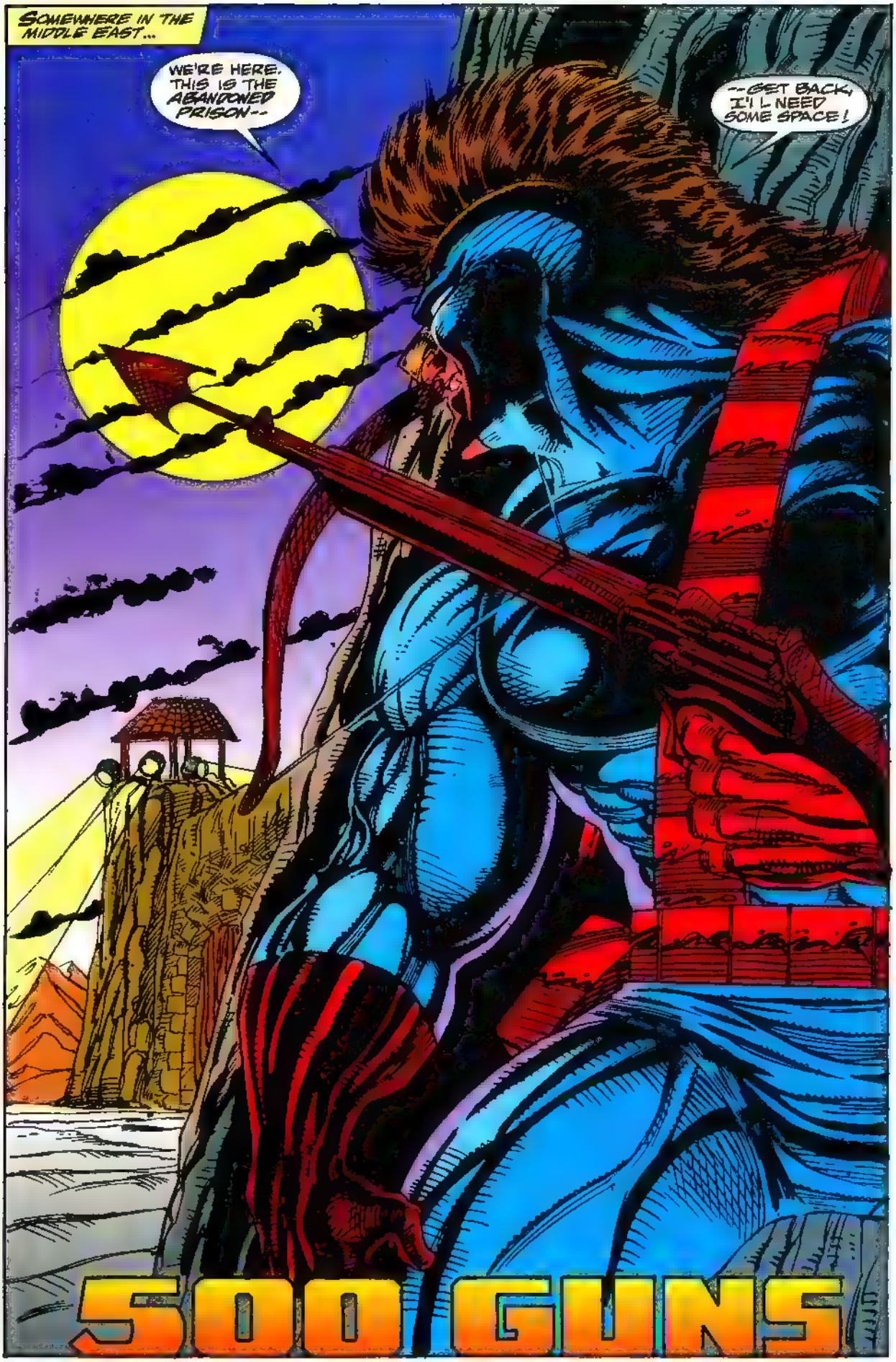
... UNTIL THE ADVANTAGE IS MINE.
YAWN... HOW MUCH FURTHER?
FIVE MORE MINUTES... IT'S JUST OVER THERE.
KIDNAPPERS.
OKAY, YOU THREE... MOVE IT.
OUT HERE?
WHAT HAVE I STUMBLED IN ON?
YOU TOOK YOUR TIME.
SO, HAVE YOU FOUND IT?
DOES IT LOOK LIKE IT?
RIGHT! YOU THREE... WHERE IS IT? WHERE'VE YOU GOT IT STASHED?
YOU MUST BE JOKING.
AS IF WE'D JUST TELL YOU.
MERCENARIES... HAH!!!... BUNCH OF AMATEURS.

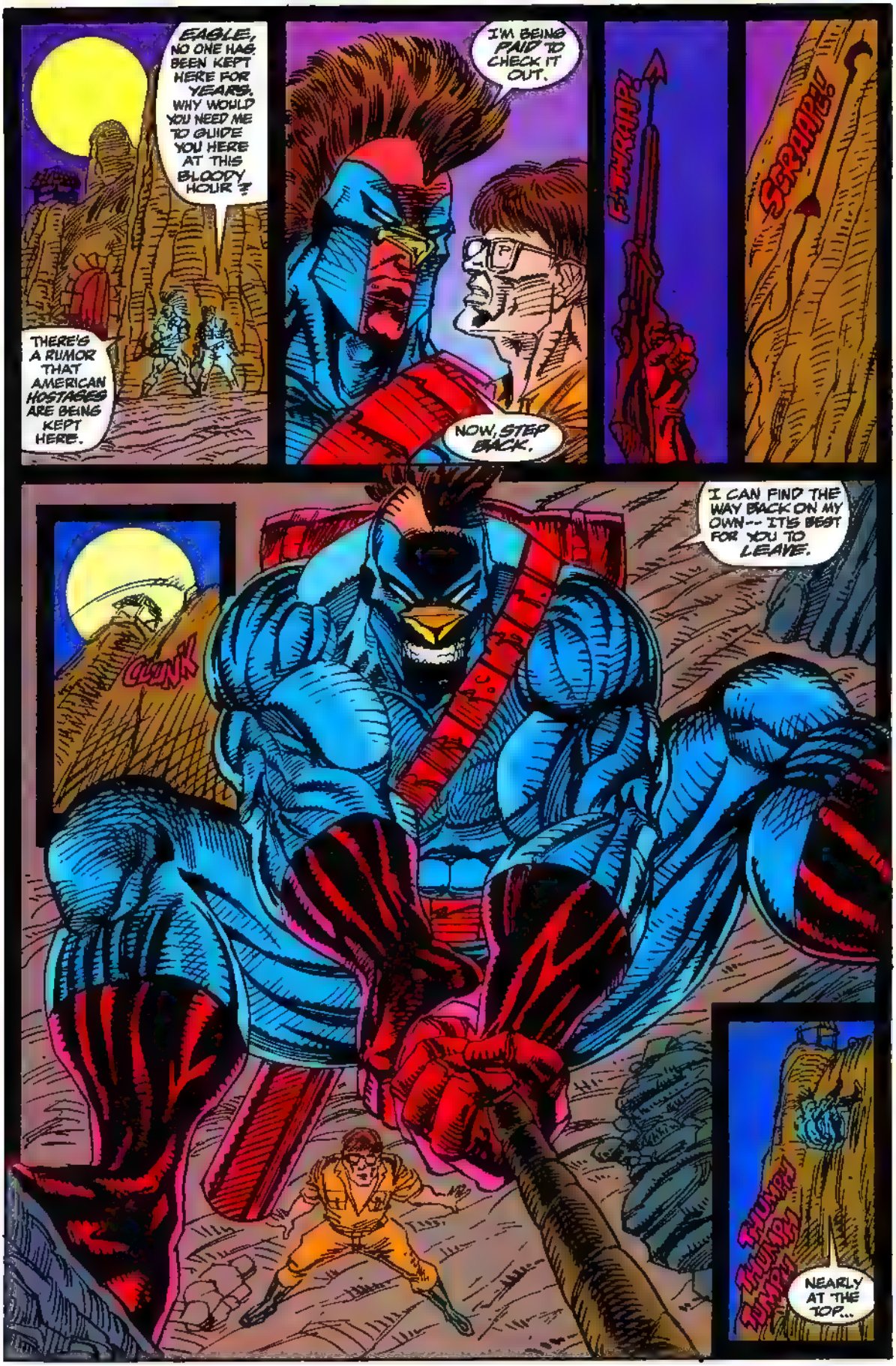
AMATEURS, ARE WE ?!?
OKAY, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT TO PLAY IT...
WHACK
HEY!
THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND.
CAN'T RISK WAITING.
HAVE TO STRIKE...
...NOW!
WHAT THE--?
UGGGH!
WOOOAH!

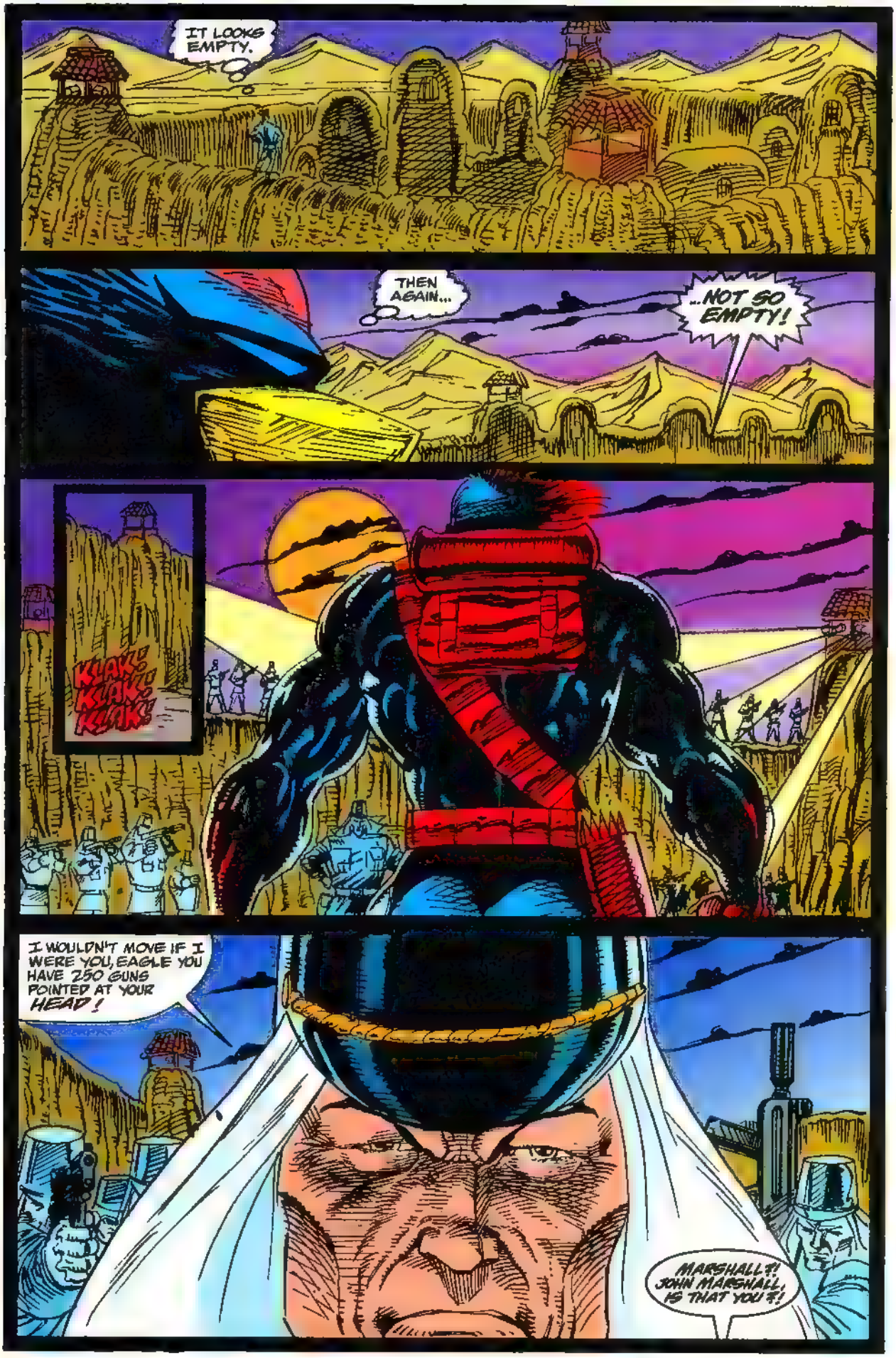
ARRGH!
THEY SAID YOU'D BE FAST.
WELL, LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN OUTRUN A BULLET.
FIRES TOO QUICK.
TOO CONFIDENT.
NOT TAKING THE DANGER SERIOUSLY.
GLUNND
WHY?
WHAT DOES HE KNOW THAT I DON'T?
OKAY. WHO HIRED YOU THREE? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
WHAT?!? YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT THE ONE?
THE ONE? WHICH ONE?
THIS ONE!

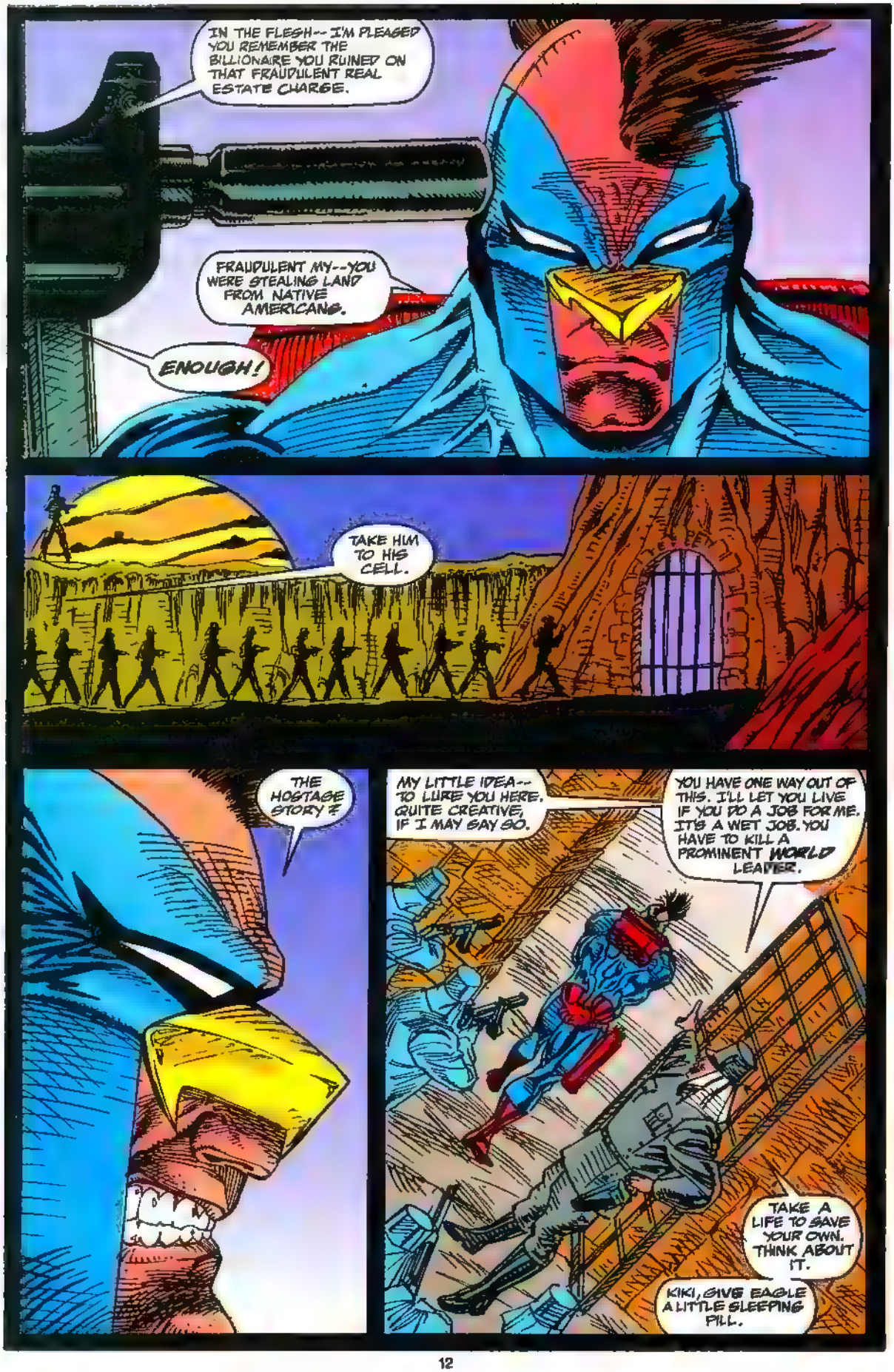
HURRRGH!
SMASH
OOOOFF!
WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S GOT A GRIP LIKE STEEL!
SABRETOOTH?!
GOT IT IN ONE.
SAY NIGHTY-NIGHT.
CHOKING ME.
MUSTN'T PASS OUT.
MUST...

SPOD
...STRIKE BACK!
AN L.M.D.?*
THIS IS A S.H.I.E.L.D OPERATION?
A LIFE MODEL DECOY. --Richard
I'D SAY THIS SEARCH AND RESCUE TEST IS OVER.
THE SABRETOOTH MIMIC FAILED. ITS PERSONALITY AND ENHANCED POWERS PROTOTYPE CHIP MUSTN'T BE DISCOVERED.
KLIK
TRI-CORD DETONATE!
KA BOOM
THE MIMIC FAILS...
...THE HUNTER ALWAYS TRIUMPHS.
FIN.


SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST...
WE'RE HERE. THIS IS THE ABANDONED PRISON--
--GET BACK. I'LL NEED SOME SPACE!
500 GUNS

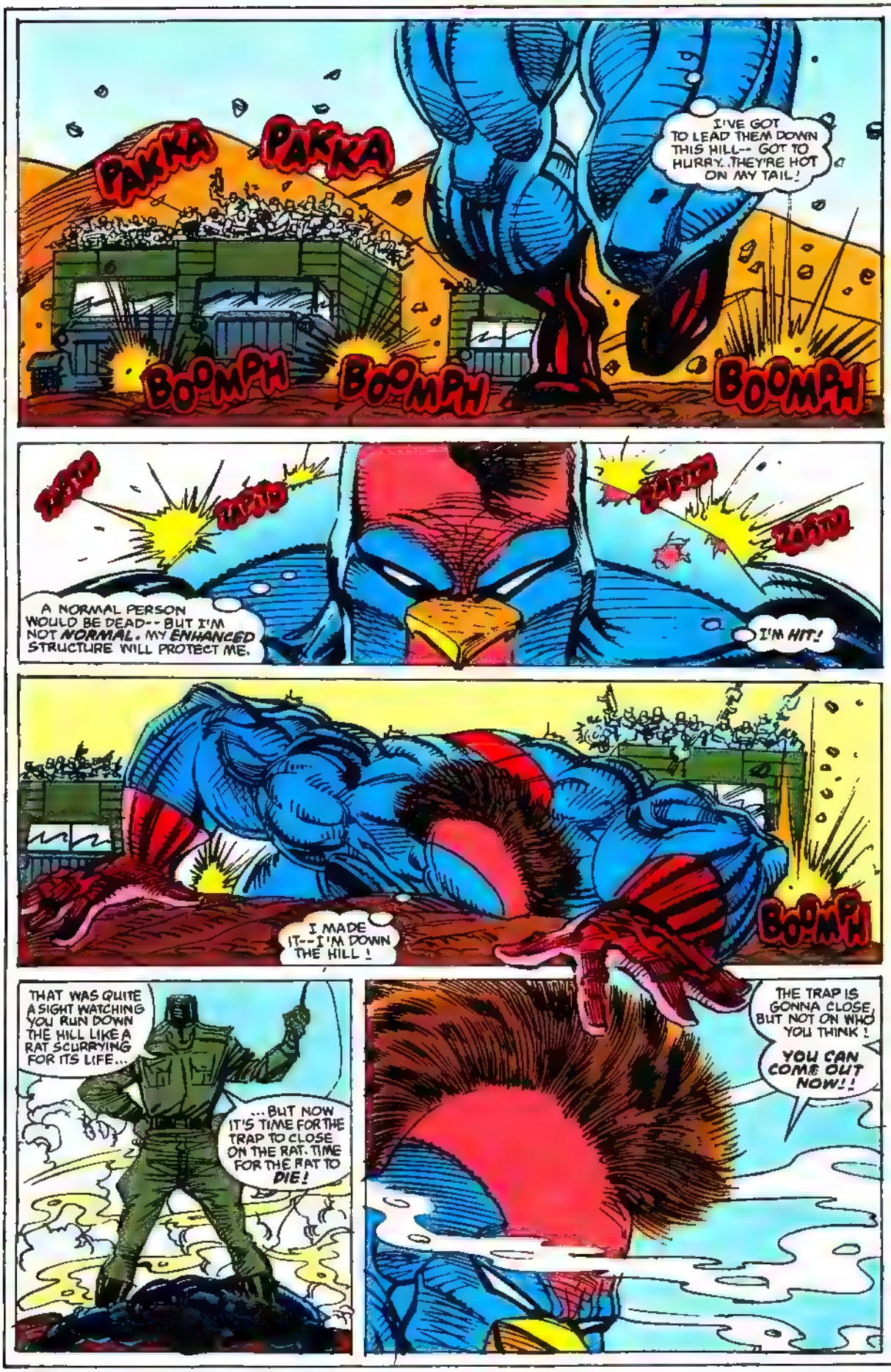

EAGLE, NO ONE HAS BEEN KEPT HERE FOR YEARS. WHY WOULD YOU NEED ME TO GUIDE YOU HERE AT THIS BLOODY HOUR?
THERE'S A RUMOR THAT AMERICAN HOSTAGES ARE BEING KEPT HERE.
I'M BEING PAID TO CHECK IT OUT.
NOW, STEP BACK.
FWAAP!
SKRAAPK!
CLUNK
I CAN FIND THE WAY BACK ON MY OWN-- IT'S BEST FOR YOU TO LEAVE.
THUNK! THUNK! THUNK!
NEARLY AT THE TOP...

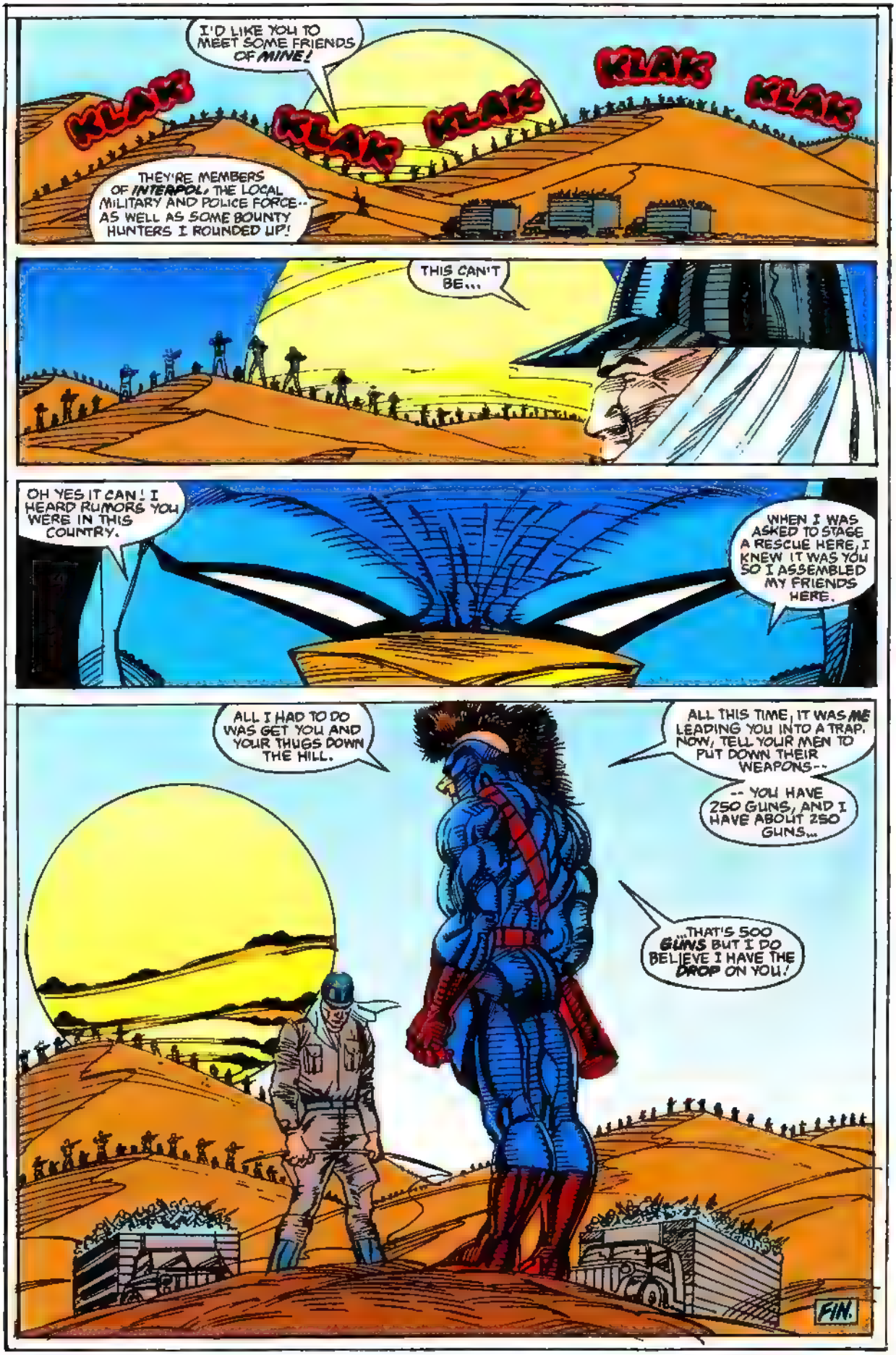

IT LOOKS EMPTY.
THEN AGAIN...
...NOT SO EMPTY!
KLAK! KLAK! KLAK!
I WOULDN'T MOVE IF I WERE YOU, EAGLE YOU HAVE 250 GUNS POINTED AT YOUR HEAD!
MARSHALL?! JOHN MARSHALL, IS THAT YOU?!


IN THE FLESH-- I'M PLEASED YOU REMEMBER THE BILLIONAIRE YOU RUINED ON THAT FRAUDULENT REAL ESTATE CHARGE.
FRAUDULENT MY--YOU WERE STEALING LAND FROM NATIVE AMERICANS.
ENOUGH!
TAKE HIM TO HIS CELL.
THE HOSTAGE STORY?
MY LITTLE IDEA-- TO LURE YOU HERE. QUITE CREATIVE, IF I MAY SAY SO.
YOU HAVE ONE WAY OUT OF THIS. I'LL LET YOU LIVE IF YOU DO A JOB FOR ME. IT'S A WET JOB. YOU HAVE TO KILL A PROMINENT WORLD LEADER.
TAKE A LIFE TO SAVE YOUR OWN. THINK ABOUT IT.
KIKI, GIVE EAGLE A LITTLE SLEEPING PILL.

UGH!
PITY--
--I RATHER LIKED YOU.
AHH...MY NOT SO TRUSTWORTHY GUIDE. HOW MUCH DID MARSHALL PAY YOU TO BRING ME HERE?
WELL THEN, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE NOT ME.
IF I WERE YOU, I'D DO THE SMART THING.
MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.
I'D TAKE THE OFFER AND SAVE MY SKIN.

THE NEXT MORNING.
WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER, EXECUTION OR BUSINESS CONTRACT ?
I'D RATHER DIE THAN WORK FOR YOU.
SUIT YOURSELF. READY AIM--
THE POLE IS ON THE GROUND, WHERE IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE. I'VE GOT ONE SHOT AT THIS...
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
--FIRE!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
I'D LIKE TO STAY AROUND, FELLAS, BUT I REALLY MUST GET OUT OF THE SUN!
WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH ME ?!
CHUNK
SWOOMPH!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE-- GET HIM !!


PAKKA PAKKA
I'VE GOT TO LEAD THEM DOWN THIS HILL-- GOT TO HURRY. THEY'RE HOT ON MY TAIL!
BOOMPH BOOMPH BOOMPH
A NORMAL PERSON WOULD BE DEAD-- BUT I'M NOT NORMAL. MY ENHANCED STRUCTURE WILL PROTECT ME.
I'M HIT!
I MADE IT--I'M DOWN THE HILL!
BOOMPH
THAT WAS QUITE A SIGHT WATCHING YOU RUN DOWN THE HILL LIKE A RAT SCURRYING FOR ITS LIFE...
...BUT NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE TRAP TO CLOSE ON THE RAT. TIME FOR THE RAT TO DIE!
THE TRAP IS GONNA CLOSE, BUT NOT ON WHO YOU THINK!
YOU CAN COME OUT NOW!!


I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET SOME FRIENDS OF MINE!
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
THEY'RE MEMBERS OF INTERPOL, THE LOCAL MILITARY AND POLICE FORCE-- AS WELL AS SOME BOUNTY HUNTERS I ROUNDED UP!
THIS CAN'T BE...
OH YES IT CAN! I HEARD RUMORS YOU WERE IN THIS COUNTRY.
WHEN I WAS ASKED TO STAGE A RESCUE HERE, I KNEW IT WAS YOU SO I ASSEMBLED MY FRIENDS HERE.
ALL I HAD TO DO WAS GET YOU AND YOUR THUGS DOWN THE HILL.
ALL THIS TIME, IT WAS ME LEADING YOU INTO A TRAP. NOW, TELL YOUR MEN TO PUT DOWN THEIR WEAPONS--
-- YOU HAVE 250 GUNS, AND I HAVE ABOUT 250 GUNS...
...THAT'S 500 GUNS BUT I DO BELIEVE I HAVE THE DROP ON YOU!
FIN.

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TOWER OF BLOOD
PART 2 OF 2
"VENGEANCE FORSAKEN!"

Psiphon feeds on strong negative emotions, and what emotion could be stronger than Vengeance?

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CAPTAIN UNIVERSE .... pg. 9

"HEARTS AND MINDS"

In their greatest moment of need, against impossible odds, wherever, whatever, the Enigma Force finds you and suddenly — Captain Universe!

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Dear Richard,

MCP #143 blew me away, from the striking cover design all the way into the interiors.

1) Ghost Rider: It's great to see MCP turn into a major player in the "Siege of Darkness". While 8 pages obviously couldn't advance the story as much as a full twenty-two pages, Chris Cooper did a great job. The revelation of the traitor should also be something special. And, as I have mentioned in the past, Reggie and Fred also know their stuff. I'm waiting for the duo (or even Fred solo) to get a shot in one of the mainstream books as his work deserves it. Here's hoping, too, that the traitor shows himself in these very pages!

2) Werewolf: This character is always great to see, as MCP is around the only venue for him. Hopefully, the response to "Little Monsters" will suck Jack Russell back into the Midnight Sons fold. His face-offs with the Lilin should be interesting, although it seems hard to believe that Len will end this story in only one more issue. James Fry did another good job, although Rey Garcia's inks were not at all suited to Jim. Terry Austin, who inked Jim on SLAPSTICK!, for example, is a much better complement. Now where's Jack's miniseries?

3) Scarlet Witch: Hopefully, the Midnight Sons will give this character the credence she deserves. Always a favorite Avenger, her adventure in Cyberspace should be a treat. The realm is getting tired with all her appearances, but here's hoping that Cefn Ridout will continue his good work and spice things up a bit. Charlie Adlard produced some great, surreal art as well.

4) Devil-Slayer: A fair piece about the dangers of alcohol, this was the weakest part of the issue in terms of both art and story. I wouldn't mind having the character reappear, and Darren Auck can definitely do better as well. Jon Babcock also tried to assume a DeMatteis-like style, which didn't always work. Again, I'm always one for second chances.

Overall, the Midnight Sons could be the best things to come out of Marvel's premiere anthology. The matte covers also work well, and I don't mind paying an extra quarter, either. If this trial run works, here's to allowing MCP to join in whenever Tom DeFalco launches more trade dresses, as he's promised. Thanks again, and see you in 141

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Regarding the Werewolf story, Joey, James Fry was very pleased with Rey Garcia's inking.

Dear MCP Crew,

MCP is a great variety comic book. I have been collecting and enjoying every issue since #87, and have also picked up a lot of back issues, including #1 through #8, which included Shang-Chi, Master of Kung-Fu, my second favorite comic book character ever. Sorry, Shang, Spidey's #1.

But anyway, what drives me to write this letter is this. It's time for Shang-Chi to once again grace the pages of MCP. I'm sure I'm not the only Shang-Chi fan that would welcome him back. So how about it, does Shang get his own four-part story? How about three, maybe two, one, I'll take it. If it takes a new attire to get Shang back, go for it. It'll still be Shang-Chi.

For all the great stories, thank you.

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Actually, Marty, you're the second Shang-Chi fan we've heard from, requesting his return to these pages. Thanks for writing.

HMMNGLMNF!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, GENTLEMEN?
VENGEANCE SAYS, "GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR HUNGRY, YOUR POOR..."
PSIPHON SAYS, GIVE ME $50 MILLION IN NEGOTIABLE BONDS...
VENGEANCE FORSAKEN!

...OR ALL THE TIRED AND HUNGRY TOURISTS WE HAVE HOSTAGE WILL END UP LIKE THE POOR GUYS ALREADY SWINGING FROM LADY LIBERTY'S CROWN!
BIG BIRD TO BASE-- I COUNT FIVE TERRORISTS, FOUR ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AND THE FIFTH--
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FIFTH ONE IS, BUT HE SEEMS TO BE... PLUGGED IN... TO SOMETHING-- OR SOMEONE!
I'M GOING IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK...
TAKING A GIANT LEAP FORWARD, GENTLEMEN?
I DIDN'T SAY "PSIPHON SAYS"!
BIG BIRD, GET OUTTA THERE!! GET--
KWAFOOM

HRRGH!
OH, DEAR. I'VE UPSET VENGEANCE.
WHY, I CAN FEEL YOUR RAGE! MY FIBERS LET ME FEED ON IT!
AND ONCE I GET THE MONEY, I'LL MAKE YOU WATCH ME SLAUGHTER THE TOURISTS ANYWAY, ONE BY ONE--
--AND THROUGH MY FIBERS I'LL FEAST ON--
EH?
SNAP
CHOMP
YEEAARGH!
GUESS WHAT, PSIPHON!
I'M PUTTING AN END TO YOUR HIGH-FIBER DIET!

AND MY HELLFIRE WILL PUT AN END TO YOU!
BCHOOM
HE BROKE FREE?! STOP HIM! STOP-- AARGH!!
BCHOOM
YOU FOUR ARE FINISHED, LIKE YOUR BOSS!
NOT QUITE, VENGEANCE.
NOT BY A LONG SHOT!

MY FIBERS DON'T HAVE TO BE ATTACHED TO YOU FOR ME TO DEVOUR YOUR--
UNGH!
KROM
PSIPHON, YOU TALK TOO MUCH.
AND YOU DON'T LISTEN, OR YOU WOULD HAVE LEARNED THE FIRST TIME--
--AT THE OFFICE TOWER MASSACRE WHERE I CAPTURED YOU--
I PSIONICALLY FEED ON STRONG, NEGATIVE EMOTION!
IT GIVES ME MY POWER! MY INVULNERABILITY!
THE STRONGER THE VIOLENT THOUGHTS, THE STRONGER I GROW!
THAT'S WHY I HAD ALL THOSE PEOPLE KILLED: TO LURE YOU TO ME--
--BECAUSE THERE IS NO VIOLENT THOUGHT STRONGER THAN VENGEANCE!!
SO LONG AS YOU EXIST, I AM INVINCIBLE!
KRAK
BRAK
BRKAAM
--YOU CAN NEVER WIN THIS FIGHT!

THEN I GUESS VENGEANCE WILL JUST HAVE TO --
--CEASE TO EXIST!
FWUMPF
YOU CAN TRANSFORM?! BUT --
NO NO NO
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME!
W-WHAT? THE GUN?! YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT--?!
...
NO.
YOU'RE SO PATHETIC, YOU SHOULD SUFFER BY LIVING JUST LIKE THAT--
--FOR A FEW EXTRA SECONDS.
WHAK
NOOOOOOO
HAPPY LANDINGS.

THE GOVERNMENT WANTS VENGEANCE MONITORED AND, IF NECESSARY, NEUTRALIZED--
--WHICH IS WHERE YOU AND THIS AGENCY COME IN.
THE HELICOPTERS' SURVEILLANCE TAPES SHOW CONSIDERABLE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES...
... CAUSED, HOWEVER INDIRECTLY, BY THIS NEW GHOST RIDER-- THIS VENGEANCE.
WE UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH THE SO-CALLED SUPERNATURAL, BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN.
EXPERIENCE? YOU COULD SAY THAT...
... I LOST THE ONLY WOMAN I EVER LOVED BECAUSE OF IT. I WON'T STOP UNTIL THEY HAVE ALL PAID!
WE APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM.
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, YOUR INTERPOL SERVICE RECORD IS WIPED CLEAN. YOU WORK FOR US NOW, SAM BUCHANAN--
-- AND YOUR FIRST TARGET IS VENGEANCE!
THE END... FOR NOW.

AT ANY POINT IN TIME AND SPACE, THE ENIGMA FORCE COULD SUDDENLY APPEAR, TRANSFORMING THOSE IN THEIR GREATEST MOMENT OF NEED INTO--
ONCE UPON A TIME ELIJAH JACKSON WAS A LEGEND, AN INSPIRATION TO ALL. BUT AN INCURABLE DISEASE HAS RENDERED HIM AS MUCH A VEGETABLE AS THE PEA SOUP DRIBBLING DOWN THE CORNERS OF HIS MOUTH.
HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IN THE NEXT QUARTER OF AN HOUR HE'LL BE ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL BEINGS ON THE PLANET.
HEARTS AND MINDS

FOR QUITE SOME TIME, ELIJAH'S LIFE'S BEEN A STRING OF MOMENTS LIKE THIS ONE--
DRIBBLING, DROOLING, SOILING HIMSELF.
EASY DAD. IT'S OKAY.
HIS DAUGHTER SIMONE OFTEN FEELS READY TO GIVE UP ON HIM...
IT USED TO BE THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST SOME DIM MOMENTS OF RECOGNITION.
A NOD OF THE HEAD, A LOOK IN THE EYES.
BUT EVEN THAT'S GONE NOW.
ALL SHE HAS LEFT IS FAITH. SO THAT HAS TO BE ENOUGH.
C'MON DAD. LET'S TRY IT AGAIN.

TODAY'S THE DAY THE BAT GOES, DAD. AND THAT'S FINAL.
NOW, I KNOW YOU LOVE THIS HUNK A' WOOD, AND YES, I KNOW IT TOOK YOU TO THE SERIES. TWICE.
BUT FELDMAN'S OFFERING A LOT FOR IT. ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF THE BILLS. MAYBE GET YOU A NURSE FOR A MONTH OR TWO.
...ORRRR WE COULD GO WITH THE CAP.
FELDMAN'LL GIVE A GOOD PRICE FOR THE CAP.
THIS MONTH'S FOOD, MAY-BE LAST MONTH'S RENT.
YOU HANG TIGHT, I WON'T BE GONE A SECOND.
WHAT'D I TELL YA? THERE SHE GOES!

PEN
"BEGINNING A' EVERY MONTH, SHE GOES OVER TO THE BROKER, AND PAWNS OFF MORE OF HER OLD MAN'S STUFF.
"COUPLE A' MINUTES SHE'LL BE BACK, LOADED WITH CASH."
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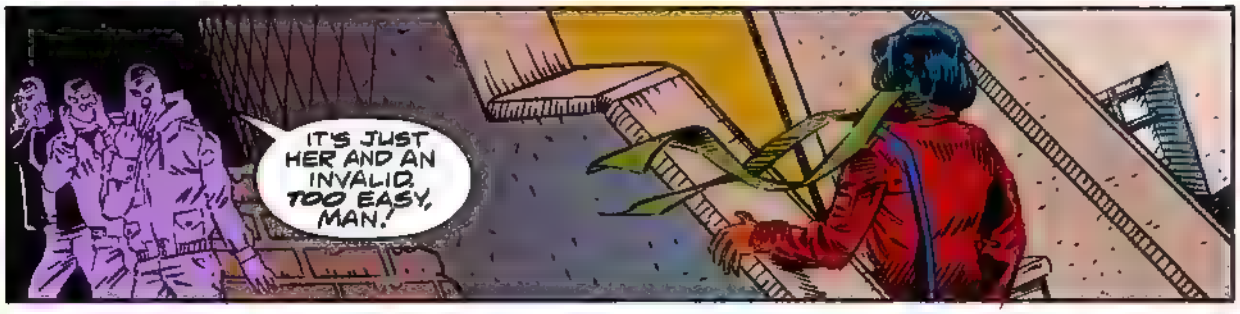
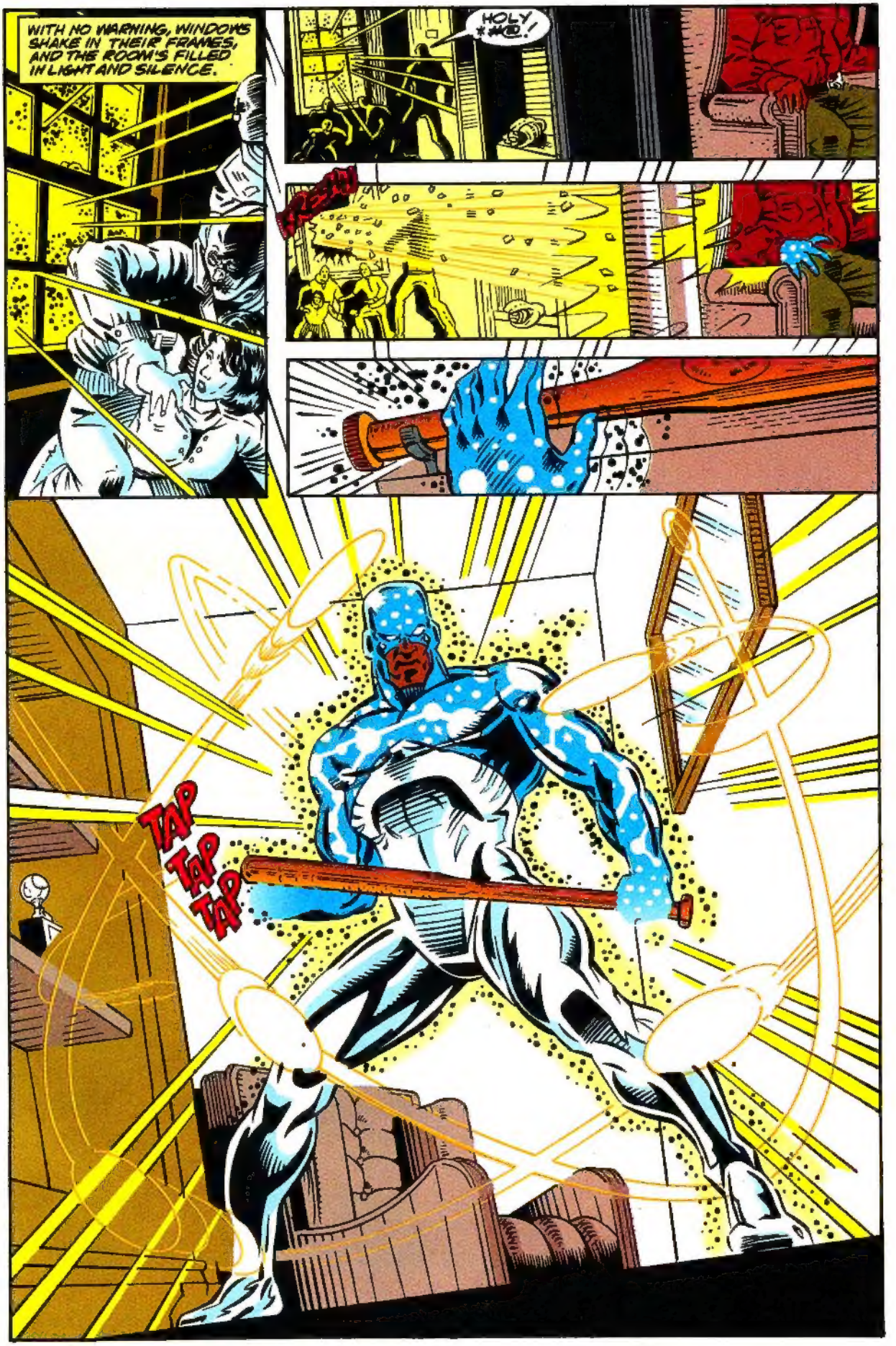

IT'S JUST HER AND AN INVALID. TOO EASY, MAN!

I'M BACK.
AAAHHH
RRRAUNCH
SHUT THE *@#; UP!
ANYONE HEARS YOU, YOU'RE DEAD!
NOD IF YOU HEAR ME.
UNHH
YOU MUST BE JOKIN'! THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE THAN THIS!


WITH NO WARNING, WINDOWS SHAKE IN THEIR FRAMES, AND THE ROOM'S FILLED IN LIGHT AND SILENCE.
HOLY #%@!
TAP TAP TAP

WHAT THE *@#%! IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE? HALLOWEEN?
KERRAKK
K-KEEP BACK, MAN!
SMASH
RUNCHHH
GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!

IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, CHILD.
WISH I WAS, BABY.
BUT THIS FELLA'S GOT HIMSELF A LOTTA OTHER PEOPLE TO HELP, AND HIS WORK'S DONE HERE.
THEY'RE GONE NOW, AND THEY AIN'T COMIN' BACK.
DAD! IT'S A MIRACLE! YOU'RE ALL BETTER--

"WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? NO! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!"
STOP IT! DON'T LET IT GET AWAY!
YOU'LL GO BACK TO THE WAY YOU WERE!
SIMONE, BABY, LISTEN TO ME, WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME!
YOU GOTTA UNDERSTAND, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NOW, NO MATTER HOW IT SEEMS...
DEEP DOWN, I'M IN THERE SOMEWHERE...

...AND I LOVE YOU
DAD!
DAD I...
I... I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO...
T-TO...

I LOVE YOU TOO, DAD.
FIN.